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Notice of Abandonment	09/698,491 Examiner	MENENDEZ ET AL.
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This application is abandoned in view of:		
1. Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on <u>06 April 2005</u> .  (a) A reply was received on (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated ), which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of month(s)) which expired on		
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(d) ☑ No reply has been received.		
2. Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).		
(a) The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).		
(b) ☐ The submitted fee of \$ is insufficient. A balance of \$ is due.		
The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$ The publication fee, if required by 37 CFR 1.18(d), is \$		
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3. Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37).		
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6. The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference rendered on and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.		
7. The reason(s) below:		
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